goet- the question of ten thousand mon, women and aldren that same day. Who answered it? Not the athers of the City, but a number of little boys and is with brooms and shovels. The fact is New-York ould have been a Serbonian bog but for those excelat young volunteers -all Irish-whom I blessed as I gesed over, not having any loose change. The little furriners" solved the struggling problem of the City fathers with the prompt sagacity of Mr. Dick. ass by the efforts of those grown up islanders with schaxes, for, between ourselves, that shoveling of he snow from the sides into the middle of the street ad just as much harm as good, or not much of the latter at any rate. But this was a native, city but

After all, we could not get along so well withou hase Irish. I won't dwell on the stale general argu-gat about the canal building and the railway making, at I come to more curious and less recognized con derations. Go to any book stall in the Empire City: sinto any store where solid old and second-hand oks-none of your elegant, flimsy things of the ar-are sold; and who keeps the stand-who is the with a courtesy which you cannot but observe—the perior merit of the more aged volumes, or to comantryman of Alcuin, Giraldus, and Usher-a man, cerally, from the County Limerick-sometimes om Tipperary, and but seldom from the North of is island, where the people have more of the Anglo-Seron character. Again, who are they who preside ever the pedestrian muses of America-the ballad persture of the streets, ranged along the wall like oldiers in line, and helping to soften our manand forbid them to become ferocious? country boys of Carolan. Once more-who is it that eery dy in the week circulate through the city ar-"the logic and the wisdom and the wit" of our the journalists, starring us all up with second ediiss, and telling us, with happy vivacity, such impers at times about the steamer at Halifax? The tile Paddies, to be sure. And what should we do without these acute little rogues? This is all funty sough. One would think the old island love of letes is still asserting itself among us unconsciously, in here modes of getting slong at the other end of the

For all these considerations, picked up at a crossing, shall nourish more liberal and cosmopolitan feelings, and hope the happy fusions now going on will yet make us the "Corinthian brass" of all creation.

#### FROM A FRIEND. To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.

Six: I presume it is quite an extensive practice where papers are so much cheaper in clubs of 20 or mere, for country subscribers to order the paper to a village or city post-office, much to their inconvenience the trouble of being forwarded by the Post-Master. ach was the case in this vicinity. I spent a few ours in calling upon my neighbors to form a club of on or more; with hardly an exception they responded We will take it." The result is I send you 20 new subscribers. A few hours' exertion would procure a club of ten, probably, at nearly every Post-Office in the Free States. The friends of humanity and the Republican cause must feel a deep interest in THE RIBUNE. As it employs no agents, let every subseri ler "speak to his neighbor." The circulation, though large at present, might be greatly increased, if not coubled in six months; and its influence for Tempermee, Liberty, Home Prosperity and Intelligence, tell powerfully in our country's history. L. FABRIC, Harlem, Winnebago Co., Ill.

HORSE-RACING AND THE IMPROVEMENT OF HORSES.

Your remarks on horse-racing in Queens County, as presented to your Legislature, reminds ne of a similar scene in the Vermont Legislature some thirty or forty years since. General Amos Barnum (by the way another P. T. in his day and ceneration), who had built a course at much exense, challenged the Yorkers and beat them, with Cock of the Rock," in September, I think. All was done in the most gentlemanly and aristocratic

The following October the Legislature con tened, and some one introduced a bill classing isrse-racing, trotting, &c., for a wager, or purse, ua misdemeanor and an offence against the public Upon the debate which ensued, the same old arent, viz: "The improvement of the animal, was urged. The Legislature wisely judged that the improvement contended for did not compensate evence; so the bill passed and is on our statute-looks to this day. And what is the result? Will any man pretend to say that horses have not im-served under this restriction? Let that man come to Addison County, in which the ceurse of 6eb. Barnum was located, and buy a first-rate Mergan or Black Hawk filly or stallion, and pay com five hundred to as many thousand dollars He may then be satisfied that improvements of the animal do take place in the absence of a race-course, and without its exciting and demoralizing Influence on man. V.
New Haven, Addison Co., Vt., Feb. 18, 1856

# THE HORSE-MARKET.

We have never seen the stables in Twenty-Sourth street so bare of horses for sale as they are now in any revious February since the street has been used for borse-market. We have counted in corresponding asons past, week after week, from seven to nine undred horses at a time in the various stables, and com two to four hundred sold in a week was not a very remarkable event. Now, the total number in all he stables is not over two hundred, and of fresh ar-ivals not half that number. Still, the sapply is suffitent for the demand, but we apprehend that will im-Hove as soon as the Winter loosens its icy chains, that twe nearly paralyzed trade in horse-fiesh.

We have every reason to believe that just as soon

a the stables fill up, there will be a fair supply of layers. No one, unless greatly necessitated to buy horse, will go into a bare market. To make the siness lively, there must be a good stock on hand. No farmer would go into a half-empty store as soon into a full one to buy goods. It is just so with lorse buying. When the stables are filled up, the

reet will be full of buyers. As to the prices that will prevail this Spring, we elieve that they will fully equal last year, and for

a venr ago. We notice in Chamberlin's large stable about a been ordinary Vermont work-horses, just arrived, antere held at \$150 to \$250. A lot of Canadian

baics, on the way to New-Jersey for sale, will probwhy sell for \$100 to \$125.
In Post's stable we noticed a sang-built, compact clding, 152 hands high, 6 years old, about being sold # \$200. His color is dark dun, with a black stripe

down the back. He was raised in Ohio and has bee lept one year in Jersey, and is now in first rate condion, works kind and is sound.

Asix year-old sorrel, near 17 hands high, not very andsome but a powerful horse, was offered for \$325. There are some Pennsylvania horses in this stable ald a little higher than lest year; but owners all cou-This saying the price is not as high in proportion to

Northern horse-dealers seem to be all blocked up by to mow and cold weather. There are some good his horses in McCauley's stables. These stables are capable of holding three hundred horses, but at Percent there is not one-fourth that number there, wag to Western men not having come forward with ber stock, or else to their not having the stock to forward. Our opinion is that horses are not bary, and that they will sell a month hence at prices statery to the farmers who supply the New-York market.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS.

KNOW-NOTHING GENERAL COMMITTEE.

The Constitution Hall Know-Nothing General Com mittee held a special meeting last evening to congratuate themselves on the nomination of Millard Fillmore for President. Ex-Councilman Horario Read occupied the chair.

Mr. REED said the object of the meeting was to ar-

Hillard Fillmore.
Mr. JAMES BROOKS made a speech against sectionhism and in praise of Millard Fillmore.
Mr. QUALLS of Virginia followed in the same strain.
It was resolved, after much discussion, to fire one
undeed guns in the Park, at 5 o'clock this afternoon,

in honor of the nominations of the Know-Nothings.

Mr. McKnohr moved that this Committee indorse the nominations of the Philadelphia Convention.

A Member thought that this Committee had already gone too far out of its course in seeking to glorify the nominees of another and distinct political organization.

Mr. Fordham said the Committee was only partially represented and he would move that the firing of the given and all actions. of the guns, and all action upon the matter, be suspended until the next regular meeting of the Committee.

Mr. Mc Knight withdrew his motion, and Mr. Fordham's motion was laid on the table. Adjourned.

THE GOVERNORS OF THE ALMS-HOUSE. The weekly meeting of the Governors of the Alms-House was held yesterday afternoon at their rooms in the Rotunda. Present—Govs. Townsend, Dugro, Clarkfor, Rell, Tigman, Duke and Taylor.

enging Feb. 23: Bellevie Hospital	the Institutions for the week  636; Randall's Island Hospital. 237
Lunatic Asylum	586         City Prisons         383           545         Colored Home         308           467         Colored Orphan Asylum         180           504         Children at nurse         197
Small-por Hespital	6 Total

The whole number of families receiving money from

the Department to date is 2,892.
Whole number of families receiving fuel, including Twelfth, Nincteenth and Twenty-second Wards

18 16,249.

The following communication was received from an inmate of the Work-House: Seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto

I address myself to you, gentlemen, as the Grand Inquest of the city. I appeal to you as one of the strong arms of America; I invoke you as that only power which can bind me in fetters and cast me out power which can bind me in fetters and cast me out from among my fellow-indigent. The spirit of your beloved country looks to you. You are convened in the justly proud metropolis of the land of freedom. What you are about to do this day will be recorded by me as a precedent, in the eyes of the nation, in the eyes of the world. You are this day to pronounce the value of American disposition; the honor of your city; the honor of your nation; your own honor is seeked for. Act worthy of the dignity of your station; act worthy of yourselves, and depute the humble supplicant to some minor office as scribbler, and it shall be the hight of my ambition to wish you terrestrial and celestial happiness.

JOHN OTINS.

clestial happiness. John Quinn.
"The Hon, the Governors of the Alms-House. "If George Keliogg, esq. is present, he as a geutle-man, as on a former occasion, will do me the honor of letting me understand the decision of the tribune, &c. &c.

The communication was received with some merri ment, and finally referred to the Committee on Sala ries, where it will probably remain.

The usual weekly business was transacted, and the

#### MARINE TELEGRAPH-STORM SIGNALS.

The agent of Cape Cod Telegraph Company, Mr. E. Smith, has handed us a circular on the subject of arrangements for carrying into effect, in the Vineyard Sound and upon the prominent points of Cape Cod, a series of signal stations from which to apprise vessels of the existence of sudden and dangerous storms, thus enabling them to make a harbor or gain an offing in season. It is assumed that all regular storms between latitudes 40° and 45° north are first experienced at the westward, and travel from west north-west to east south-east, or nearly so, progressing, according to severity, from eighteen to twenty miles per hour; also, that the subsidence of storms is first felt at the west, and clear off toward the south-east. Acting upon these ascertained facts, a perpetual index of the the wind and weather is to be kept displayed for the benefit of the large fleet passing cast and west through the Vineyard Sound; by which much may se done in preventing disaster and loss of life When vessels are overtaken with thick weather and heavy gales on the back of Cape Cod, all scafaring men know the difficulty of getting into a harbor on Boston Albany Now-York and Springfield are the principal places to be con sulted for the weather; and when heavy storms are reported at either of these places, by magnetic telegraph, that fact is conveyed to all vessels in sight, by ignals, the key of which is supplied to all masters of

vessels which frequent that coast. In the Winter of 1854 there were over thirty spread of sail cast away on the back of Cape Cod, in a single gale from the north-east, and most of the crews were lost. All of these vessels left their anchorage at Holmes's Hole but ten hours previously, when no signs of a storm were to be seen; but at the same time the telegraph re ported a severe north-east gale with snow in New-York. Could this fact have been communicated to them before leaving their anchorage by such means as now proposed, they would have escaped the fatal disasters which wertook them. There are other important uses which such a plan will serve, and we hope our merchants will cooperate with those of Boston, who have already subscribed to sustain the arrangements. The supervision of the signals is to be confided to a wellmown scientific and practical gentleman of Boston, who has had long experience in such matters.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION-FOUR PERSONS KILLED. One of the boilers of the Louisville Paper Mill, located in the lower portion of the city, exploded about 7½ o'clock on Saturday morning, killing four persons and wounding two others. From The Evening Bulletin of Saturday we gather the following particulars:

"The boilers are in the rear of the mill, and covered by a shed. The flue was lifted up erect and fell and the state of the mill, and covered by a shed.

against one of the walls, making a large hole in it.
The engine was broken to pieces. Some of the
bricks from the building were thrown a great dis-

bricks from the building were thrown a great dis-tance, but did no damage.

"The persons certainly killed are Thomas Ganon, a girl named Melnot, and John Price, the negro fire-man. Their bodies have been found. Daniel Dailey was missing at 11 o'cleck this morning, but his body had not been found. Ben Stump was badly scalded, and his son had a leg broken and a gash about four ich below in the forehead.

Commercial, Milwarkee Hartford Fire Insurance Co. Merchant's Philadelphia New Amsterdam, New York City Western Massachusetts, Fittafield	2.560 5,500
Ætna	4,000
Total	\$24,000
BEAUTIES OF HINDOOISM The people	of Ren

selaer County are beginning to realize the bendities of a Know-Nothing Government. For several years past the expenses of the county have not exceeded \$27,000. During the year the American party was in power the cost of carrying on the affairs of the county has exceeded \$54,000—just double any former period. "Lot none but Americans be put on guard."
[Many Evening Journal.]

## MARINE AFFAIRS.

THE SOUND NAVIGATION.

The navigation through the East River may now b considered open for the season—the propeller Westchester, from Providence, having successfully acted as pioneer in forcing a pa sage through the ice beyond the Gate. She started on Friday last, from Hart Island at the entrance to the Sound, and arrived here yester day. The boats of the Fall River line, which few days past, have been running by the outside route, will now probably take their old course through the Sound, and the other lines of steamers eastward that have been suspended for some time past, will now

be able to resume their operations. The Elm City left her pier at Peck-slip yesterday at 12 o'clock, for New-Haven, and we are informed suc ceeded in forcing her way through. The steamers Champion and Traveler, for New-Haven, and Cataline and Ansonia, for Bridgeport, are all receiving freight at Peck-slip.

The steamer Bay State, which left Fall River at noon on Monday, arrived here at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, via Sandy Hook, and left again at 4 o'clock vesterday afternoon by the same route. The Empire State left here at 4 p. m. on Monday, via Sandy Hook, and arrived at Fall River at 54 o'clock yesterday morning. She left there on her return to New York yesterday afternoon.

THE SHIP TELEGRAPH ON FIRE.

Ellwood Walter, esq., received a telegraphic dispatch from Savannah, yesterday, informing him that the clipper ship Telegraph, of Boston, was on fire at

#### FIRES.

BURNING OF A DISTILLERY IN BROOKLYN-LOW \$28,000.—The burning of the old distillery in Kent avenue, in the vicinity of the Marine Hospital, known as Cross's, involves a loss of about \$28,000, which was covered by insurance.

The buildings and fixtures belonged to the Bach estate, and were leased and occupied by Mr. Julius

The loss on buildings and fixtures is estimated at \$18,000, and is insured in the following named compa-

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	Total									4	15.
Mr. Towe											

at \$10,000, which is covered by insurance in the fol-

Nassau Corn Exchange. Phenix State Murual of Pennsylvania. Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Merchanta and Mechanics' of Philadelphia. Harmony of Now-York.	1,500 2,000 1,000 2,000 2,000 1,000 500
Total	11,000

### THE DRAMA.

LAURA KEENE'S VARIETIES.

On Friday evening a "novelty," bearing a pleasant name, and presenting a series of tableaux imitative and illustrative of the leading attractions and popular personations of the various theaters of New-York, was presented at this establishment. The series opens with a picture of Mr. Burton as "Toodles," by Mr. H. Hall, who last season twinned with the great original as Dromio. The figure and face were admirable, but the he had a brother" had better be left out. The voice marred an otherwise admirable illusion. Wallack's contributed a scene from Pauline, with Mr. Chandler as Mr. Lester, said to be perfect, and the Broadway an imitation of Mr. and Mrs. Williams as the frish boy and Yankee girl, by Mr. Johnston and Mr. Hough, which we should fancy must have been good, and was certainly rich in merriment.
Mr. Johnston again, as Herze the Hunter, performed wondrous feats and presented various tableaux of herror and consternation, far more amusing than any of the originals. This is the fourth Herne we have had, two genuine and two humbugs; indeed, they are all humbugs, but we much prefer the con fessors. Mr. Rae as Shakespeare, if discovered anywhere in the neighborhood of Stratford-on-Avon would at once be worshiped by Collier, White and the other disciples of the bard. The Irish brogue which set a rich cream on his conversation, only confirming our abiding belief that Shakespear was a Celt. The imitations were interspersed with song and dance, and some beautiful scenic effects, and the piece, which does infinite credit fair fingers it is said to have been wove, was a perfect success, and is likely to be most popular. It as preceded by a light, graceful comedy, "Balance of Comfort," of the same echool as the Delusions." We would again commend to Miss Keene the production of such pieces as these, which require little scenic effect, and are infinitely the mos suited both to the atmosphere of her Theater and the capabilities of her company. We were happy to find our impression of the "Dreams of Delusions" strengthened by the good opinion of several person of admirable histrionic taste. Mr. Jordan's persons tion of Sir Bernard Hareigh far surpasses any in which we have seen him. He hits the precise point of excel lence-the union of reality with refinement-and so prevents the poinful impression which the literal representation of lunacy would excite, while utterly removed from the rant of stage madmen. The mixture of sanity with raving, and the existence of method is madness arising from correct reasoning, and drawin just conclusions from false premises, are admirable depicted. The effect is to interest the audience an wake their sensibilities, but not to shock or outrage the proprieties which should always be observed Miss Keene, as the wife, too, evinces that quiet, sup pressed feeling which naturally belongs to the characteristics ter, and which is much more affecting than the usual factitious stage displays of emotion.

# CITY ITEMS.

MUSICAL -The last morning concert of Messrs Mason and Bergmann drew a crowd. The trio of Ru beastein was roundly applanded. A trio for piano violin and violoncelle is a stupid combination—th first interfering with the two last, and the reverse. Th interest of the trio in particular lies in the suppression of the concerted quality and in giving prominence to a single instrument. The piano solo of Heller, per-formed by Mr. Mason, was handsomely received in a manner due its brilliant execution, and it was followed by a solo of the player himself-a sweet piece of piano spray, which ought to be popular. The finale, by Bach, for three pianes and stringed instruments, was interesting for its antiquity. Composed at a time when such music was just emerging from the fague, i has neither passion nor rhetoric to recommend it, nor yet transcendental harmonies. But still it was prope to play it as a relic of the past.

-Gottschalk's seventh Plano Soirce-entertainments which draw overflowing andiences and are the ragewill take place at Dodworth's Room, adjoining Grace Church, to-morrow night (Thursday.)

-The third concert of the Philharmonic Society

will take place on the 1st of March at Niblo's Theater

RETURNED FILLIBUSTERS.-Thirty-two young men of this city, who had embarked on board the Northern Light on Monday, under engagements to join the army of Gen. Walker in Nicaragua, were put ashore by Capt Warnock on Sandy Hook, at 64 o'clock on Monday evening. It seems that the tickets they were furnished with were spurious, and that Capt. Warnock did not deem proper to carry them through. They had been told by the parties enlisting them that though the tickets were not of the regular kind, an understanding had been had with the Company, by which they would take them to Micaragua; and on

going shoard, they received similar assurances from the officers stationed at the gangways of the steamer Nevertheless, on the general examination of the tickets, the Captain declared that he should put the holders of the sparious tickets ashore. They were then transferred to pilot hoat No. 18, which conveyed them to the Hook. The adventurers were entertained for the night at the lighthouse, by Mr. Brower, the keeper, and his wife, and yesterday morning marched eross the ice to the main land, whence they made their way to Keyport. The principal members of the party are named F. S. Weed, Charles Delf, George L. Smith, Joseph W. Dunning.

CHINA AND JAPAN. - The Panorama of China and Japan has been removed to No. 654 Broadway, and Dr. J. C. Noyes will deliver the opening lecture this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Andrew Jackson Donelson, Know-Nothing candidate for Vice-President, with party, arrived in town vesterday afternoon, and put up at the Metropolitan

rill take place on Monday next, at 10 o'clock a. m., at Hope Chapel, Broadway. There will be exercises in declamation and the neural award of testimonials to the descrying students of each class.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION. - School No. 13, in Houston street, near Essex, was examined yesterday. This school building is to be demolished immediately and its place supplied by a new edifice, for which \$33,000 has been appropriated by the Board of Education. The schools will meantime be quartered in neighboring churches. The Primary Department, under the charge of Miss Harris, who has taught in it for eight years, was found to be in excellent condition. Some of the infantile attempts at drawing were quite interesting. The teachers here are Misses Mary L. Harris, Emeline B. Graham, Catherine Smith, Esther E. Noe, Anna E. Van Vorst, Mary Jane McCoy, Fanny Bruninghawsen and Mary Ann Riley. The Girls' De partment fully sustained its high reputation for thorough drill and prodigious cultivation of memory. The girls were able to repeat scores and scores of pages from their class-books without deviating from the text a single word. Their readings were remarkable for distinctness of enunciation and slowness of movement. The teachers in this department are Misses Georgiana M. Watson, Sarah J. De Grove, Prudence Sill, Sarah Elizabeth Crane and Marietta Eghert. The Boy's Department is perhaps as intellegently taught as the girls, although considerably ess attention is paid to rote memory. Its teachers are, Leonard Hazeltine, principal; also of the Normal School Robert H. Pettigrew, George W. Stewart, Moulton Emery and Miss Mary D. Johnson. The drawings in this school is decidedly superior. Many good copies was exhibited, executed by the girls under the tuition of Miss De Grove, and by the boys under Mr. Pettigrew. One of the most beautiful keepsakes we ever saw was a flower-wreath made by the girls from their own hair, and inscribed, "The First Class to their Teacher."

A New Swindle,-Among the many new dodges resorted to by the multitude of rogues and thieves th now infest our city, the following displays ingenuity and assurance enough, if bonestly employed, to secure the perpetrators a decent livelihood.

We give the account of this "dodge" as related by the victim-a hard working old man, over sixty years

and Sixth street, (says he,) talking with Mr. S., two men came along talking very loud, and stopping quite

"You can't have them oxen, I tell you," said one, a tall, lankey country-looking fellow, dressed in broad-brimmed hat and drab overcoat.
"Why not?" asked the other—a small, gentle-

"Why not?" asked the other—a small, gentle-menly-looking chap, with a large gold fob chain.
"Die'nt he say that I should have them for a hundred and twenty dollars? and here is the money." And as he said this he took from his pocket a pocket book full

he said this he took from his pocket a pocket book full of money, showing several one hundred dollar bills.

"No, no." answered the country counterfeit; "he is tarnal mad at you for buying that piece of land and he says he will be d—d before he'll let you have them. But I can't bother with you any longer; I must go and sell my hay." "Hold on," cried the small man; "I must have the oxen." "Here, my friend," he continued, turning to me; "don't you want to make five dollars, and do me a great favor? It wont take you over five minutes; the owner of the eattle I was just taking about lives right round the corner in Second talking about lives right round the corner in Second avenue; take this money, and go with this man there; pay for the oxen, get a receipt, and I will give you five dollars for your trouble." "That won't do," said couny. "I am ordered not to take a cent of your concy. If I should do so, he would never employ me rain. So you can't have the oxen."
"I will have them if it costs me ten dollars extra,"

said the city gentleman.

"Haven't you got twenty dollars about you," he says to me, "to bind the bargain? I will pay you well

No, I hav 'nt," I answered, "but wait a while; I

"No, I hav'nt," I answered, "but wait a while; I will try and borrow it, for I don't get a chance to make five dollars so quick every day."
"You have got to be spry, old man," said the country-looking rogue, for I ve got a load of hay on the stand—I must sell to-day." So off I started, thinking myself fortunate in meeting so lucky a chance these plaguy dull times. After calling on several of my neighbors I succeeded in borrowing the twenty dollars by promising to return the money again in half an hour. "Have you got the money!" asked my newly made city friend, as I hastened up to them. "Yes, here it "Good!" he cried, taking the money from my hands and giving it to the countryman; "the oxen are mine, and you have made five dollars. Just go around the corner of 2d-avenue with this man, get a receipt for and you have made five dollars. Just go around the corner of 2d-avenue with this man, got a receipt for the twenty dollars to bind the bargain, and while he is making out the bill, you come back here to my brother-in-law's, where I am staying, and I will give you the other hundred dollars." While saying this, he stepped up the front stoop of Dr. C.'s house and put his hand upon the bell-knob.

"Hurry up, old Beeswax," cried the country scamp; "we'll soon settle this bargain, and I must be off to look after my hay." So I followed the countryman, who strode off at a pretty rapid rate, down to the corner of 2d-avenue.

per of 2d-avenue.
"There," said he, pointing to a house a door or two from the corner, "lives the old fellow that owns the farm and the oxen, and who is so mad at that chap for brown or the yellow span he wanted. You must go back and ask him; you know the house he went in; I'll wait here for you. Back I put, like an old fool, leaving my money in the stranger's hands. When I got to Dr. my money in the stranger's hands. When I got to Dr. C's house I looked back and saw the countryman still standing at the corner. Up I goes to the door, rings the bell; a lady comes to the door. "There's a gentleman here just come in that I want to see for a

There is no gentleman in the house," said the lady,

"There is no gentleman in the house," said the lady, "nor has been for the last two hours."

"There must be one," said I. "No," she answered, "myself, children, and servant, are the only persons in the house since the doctor left this morning." On turning to look toward the corner the country man had vanished. The truth of the swindle broke upon my mind at once. I did not stop to make any explanation, but hastened back to the place where I left the viliain, but too late; he had gone and I have not seen either of them since.

The victim then hastened to the Chief's Office and there made his complaint, and described the persons.

The victim then hastened to the Chief's Office and there made his complaint, and described the persons of this brace of mean, contemptible swindlers. "Ah," said the old man, "I thought my money more than half recovered when I saw the great number of hale, hearty men doing duty round the stove (it was a cold term then), and how attentively they listened to my story, and so dustaterestedly advised me to say nothing about it, as they were watching for the very same chaps, and if it should get into the papers the rogues would read it and go unwhipped of justice."

A PRISON KEEPER CHARGED WITH HIGHWAY ROB A PRISON KREPER CHARGED WITH HIGHWAY ROB-PERLY-Dat led Lust, Keeper of the Prison attached to the Eighty-listh street Police Court, was vesterday arrested in Centre istreet by Officer Gray of the Cours of Gen-eral Sessions, charged with having a short time since, in com-pany with two other men, attacked Councillman Jackson of the Pith Ward, while he was in the street, and robbed him of \$48. Lesk made streumous efforts to einde the police, several of whom surrounded his house, and he succeeded in doing so and escaping unobserved into the street. He was, however, as be-fore stated, taken in Centre street. Justice Weish, before whom he was taken, by consent of the Assistant-District Attor-ncy, admitted him to ball in \$300. His accomplices are yet at large.

SERIOUS FALL DOWN A HATCHWAY.—A gentle-man named Cooley, was terribly injured vesterday afternoon by falling through the hatchways of the establishment of Earle & Hodenpyl, manufacturing joweless, at No. 25 Dey atreat. He was taken up insecutible, and conveyed to the New York Hoppi-al, where he was piaced in care of Dr. Deah. Mr. Gooley is a trother-in-law of one of the above firm.

REAL ESTATE.-The following sales of Real Estate were made yesterday by A. H. Muller:
15 years lease of lot and building No. 31 Wallet.
4815 per annum. Sier's on Sther. 195 P. (m. 57th-st. 26.4x80) ca.

Sier's on Sther. 195 R. (m. 6th-sv. 25.788 S. ca.

Sier's on Cort. 19th-sv. and 68th st. 25x100 m.

Lief on 68th-st. 195 P. (m. 18th-sv. 25x100 m.

Sier's n 65th-st. 195 P. (m. 18th-sv. 25x100 S. ca.

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### BROOKLYN ITEMS.

THE CITY RAILBOADS,-The tracks having nearly ill been cleared of obstructions by means of the pickaxe and snow-plow, travel by the cars was resumed yesterday afternoon. The long delay has been the ause of serious inconvenience and much complaint, and at the last meeting of the Common Council a petition of 182 residents of the Niath Ward was presented, stating that they had not been accommodated at the Fulton avenue end of the route, and alleging that the Company was useless for the purposes of accommodation. Remarks anything but complimentary to the Railroad Company were indulged in by the Aldermen, and a motion was made which directs the Company to commence running the cars immediately; an amend ment was offered empowering the Mayor to issue stage licenses to any applicant to run in any street of the city on the payment of \$10 license for each stage. After considerable discussion, the resolution was lost by a tie vote, 15 to 15-a narrow escape for the Railroad Company.

FREE-STATE MOVEMENT,-The friends of Freedom are invited to a meeting at the Odeon Hall, Williamsburgh, on Thursday evening next, when Dr. Charles H. De Wolfe of Philadelphia, President of the Octagon Settlement Company of Kansas, will deliver an address, and plans for aiding the Free-State movement

FIREMEN'S FIGHT .- Late on Monday night, on FIREMEN'S FIGHT.—Latte on Monday hight, on sturning from the fire in Kent avenue, Engine Companies No. 4 and No. 5 of the Eastern District came in collision in the Sixteenth Ward, and a severe fight was the result. Missiles were firely used, and quite a number were more or less injured. Yesterdey James T. Newcomb, a member of No. 4, entered a complaint against Edward Bond, charging him with assault and battery, with attempt to kill. Both companies assert that they were first assaulted. The Chief Engineer has locked up the craines until an investigation takes place.

FIRE.-Yesterday afternoon a small building foot of North Second street, occupied as an office by Daniel B. Harri-son, caught fire on the roof from the stove-pipe. It was soon extinguished. Damage about #25.

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# NEW-JERSEY ITEMS.

THE ALMS-HOUSE,-Mr. Wm. Whitley, Superin-THE ALMS-HOUSE,—Mr. Wm. Whitley, Superintendent of the Alms-House of Jersey City and Overseer of the Poor, in his report to the Common Council for the quarter and ling Jan. 31, 1858, says that during November, December and January 196 soulds and 570 children were relieved with groceries, and 314 families with coal. The amount expended in relieving the poor not is the Alms House was, during this time, as follows: In groceries, \$640 of2; nursing children, \$23, for shoes, \$10; for transporting paupers, \$11; for interments, \$10. Total \$644 62. The number of immates in the Alms-House, Nov. 1, was 57; admitted from Nov. 1 to Feb. 1, 61, making a total of 112. Of this number 51 were adults and 57 children. Of these 7 men were discharged, 6 women obtained situations, 7 boys were sent to employment, 2 girls were slopted in fairlies and 1 man dided-leaving 35 persons in the Alms-House Feb. 1. The expenses of the Alms-House during the quarter serie \$627 12 for groceries, meat, dry goods since, feed ind straw, wood, lamber, hardware and soap. Goods on hand, including coal, amount to \$460, which is deducted from \$637 12. The three last quarterly reports show that there has been expended during the mine months covered by those reports, \$4,522, including coal.

MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.—An adjourned

MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL .- An adjourned meeting of the Jorsey City Common Council was held at the Lyceum last evening—Ald. Lyos, President of the Board, in the chair.

e chair. A communication was received from the Mayor, calling the A communication was received from the Mayor, calling the attention of the Common Council to the fact that bills affecting the interest of Jersey City are pending in the Legislature, concerning which immediate action should be had. He referred to the bills relative to omnibus routes, the Jersey City and Bergan Point Resilvad, and the Jersey City and Bergan Point Resilvad, and the Jersey City and Bergan Point Plank road. The Council director that the Mayor and City Clerk should address a memorial to the Legislature asking for protection to the ruphs and interests of the city, if any attempt to cutrage them is made by the parties interested in these bills. The Special Committee appointed to investigate into the cost of Hook and Ladder House No. I reported progress.

The Water Commissioners presented thur Some-Annual Report. They mention the probability that Hobokan and the City of Hudson will become consumers in the course of another easi of Passak water, by which means the revenues of the Water Wurks will be equal to their expenses. The report of the Repister and Engineer and the financial statement accentificated in the Report.

After some further business the Board adjourned.

RESIGNED.—Alderman Richard R. Rappelyea, one of the Alderman of the Fourth Ward of Jersey City, sent his resignation to the City Clerk on Monday.

Senday School Exhibition.—The Sunday School connected with St. Pani's M. E. Church, in South Sixth street, Jersey City, held an exhibition last evening in that Church. The exercise, consisting of singing, recitations and dislogues, were very pleasing to the andience. The house was ful, and so many came who could not gain similatance that it was determined to repeat the schibition this eventing. The proceeds are to be devoted to the benefit of the School.

# LAW INTELLIGENCE.

SUPERIOR COURT - GENERAL TERM - Feb. 261- Before

SUPERIOR COURT — GENERAL TERM — Feb. 20]— Refore Judges Duers, Bosworks and Slosson.

THE COREN AND ASTOR CONTROVERSY.

Samuel G. Orden, Administrator of N. G. Orden, art. Wm. B. Aster and Wm. E. Astor and others, Executors of John Jacob Astor.

This is a petition by defendants for a resettlement of the decree fermedy entered. This case, commenced before the old Court of Chancery, was transferred, upon the extinction of that tribural, to the Supreme and finally to the Superior Court. It was brought by the administrator of the former partner of the late John Jacob Astor for the recovery of a large belance claimed to be due in the settlement of the partnership business.

The Court have decided that a partnership did exist between Orden and Astor. A decree for accounting was secondingly entered five years ago, and the plaint if has ever since been employed in preparing the account for the interestion of the reference. Just as he completed his task, this position for a resettlement of the decree was brought by the defendants.

THE GRISWOLD DIVORCE CASE. COUPT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE CITY AND UNIT OF PHILAD PRIL GRASEAL TREE,

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Refea W. Griswold, bledant, va. Christee A. Griswold, respendent.

The long-delayed case of the Rev. Rufus W. Griswold, D. D., agt. Charlotte A., his wife, was regularly reached on the argument hist at a late hour to day. David Peal Brown, in behalf of the respondent, (Min. Griswold,) moved that Samuel Sherman of New Lether admitted in this Court as his acceptations and that he be now permitted to open the case, notwithstending the lateness of the hour. Mr. S., but stated, had been in waiting at this Court for several days, and that he was now anxious to return to New York.

Theodore L. Cuyler, on part of the libelant, said he did not wish to oppose the motion, but he hoped the case.

not wish to oppose the motion, but he hoped the would not be pressed to-day, as he was obliged to be town in the afternoon, and he desired to be pressed

The Court thought the inconveniences to which Mr.
Sherman would be subjected were entitled to consideration, and the Court would be willing, on their part, to continue the Session to a late hour for the accommoda-

continue the Session to a late hour for the accommedation of coursel.

Mr. Sherman, thanking the Court for its kind sonsideration, said: May it please your Honors, this is
an application to vacate and set aside a certain decree of divorce which was supposed. I say supposed,
for there is no existing record of the fact—to have
been entered in this Court some time in the June
Term of 1852. Our application is based upon the
grounds that the said decree was obtained by the
grounds that the said decree was obtained by the
fraud of the libelant and by the grossest imposition
upon this Honorable Court.

Mr. Sherman here sketched a history of the case
and commented at some length upon the irregularity
of the proceedings. He said the subpoens was issued
on the 25th March, 1852, returnable on the 25th Jane
then next, at which time the libel was filed—that the
libel alleged that the respondent "in the mosth of
"March, 1846, had willfully and maliciously deserted
and absented herself from the habitation of libelant."
without any just and reasonable cause, and that she

libel alleged that the respondent "in the mostle of "March, 1846, had wilifally and maliciously deserted and absented herself from the habitation of libeland without any just and reasonable cause, and that she "persisted in such desertion for the time of two years "and upward, and still doth continue to absent herself from said libelant "—that said allegation was utterly without foundation in fact—that it would be shown that said libelant and respondent lived together as man and wife at agreed intervals for upward of five years after the alleged desertion—that at the time the libel was fied, or shortly afterward, the libelant was so-tually engaged to be married again, and that the celebration of the proposed marriage was repeatedly postponed (notwithstanding the bride's guests were in actual attendance and every preparation made on account of the unexpected delays in obtaining his decree of divorce; that almost immediately upon libellant's obtaining a certificate of the decree, and without waiting the usual and proper time to ascertain decree of theoree; that simes immediately libeliant's obtaining a certificate of the decree, and without waiting the usual and proper time to ascertain whether an appeal would be taken, he hastened into a new marriage, the respondent meanwhile utterly ignorant of any of these proceedings, until one day she actidentally saw in a new-paper the marriage of her humband to another woman. Her astonishment can be better imagined than expressed. She at once inquired into the facts, entered her solemn protest against the entire proceedings, and appealed from the doores. Mr. Phillips of this city entered the appeal in the Supreme Court of this State; but when the appeal was have been heard it was all at once discovered that all the papers and the records of the proceeding had mysteriously disappeared from the archives of the Prothocotary, and no trace of them could be found after the most diligent search. The appeal was paralyzed, as the Court above could entertain no appeal from any decree without a record of the proceedings upon which it was founded was duly before that Court.

Mr. Phillips here made an explanation of the course he proposed to have taken in the matter, and said be fully approved of the present course the case had assumed.

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Mr. Sherman said he would leave the further devel-Mr. Sherman said he would leave the further development of this remarkable case to the testimony which would be submitted to the Court. He proposed tenter into no comment upon the character of the respective parties, further than that he deemed it his duty at this stage of the proceedings to observe that the respondent was a highly respectable, delicately herd, kind, gentle, inoffensive, sensitive, accomplished and most estimable lady (as a large circle of acquaintances both North and South would cheerfully testify), but much abused and injured.

Mr. Sherman handed his paper-book to the Court, and proposed to submit the original affidavit of the respondent upon which a rule to show cause why the decree should not be set aside, was granted in Jone, 1854, and duly served upon the libelant.

Mr. Cuyler objected to the reading any part of each parte affidavit.

te affidavit. ex parte affidavit.

Mr. Brown hoped the objection would not be insisted upon, as the affidavit was merely a condensed statement of facts, which were fully sustained by the veluminous testimony in the Commission, which must be

Mr. Sherman said that out of delicacy to the feelings of the party for whom he appeared, certain portions of the affidavit would not be read, but he intended to submit the omitted portions to the private car of the Court. He then proceeded to read as follows:

THE APPIDAVIT.

State of South Carolina, District and City of Charleston, st.—Charlotte A. Griswold of said city, being days worn, deposes and says—That on or about the 20th day of August, A. D. 1845, in the City, County and State of New-York, she intermarried with a certain Rufus W. Griswold, and that the said Rufus W. and deponent lived and consisted spether as man and write in the cities of New-York, Philadelpha and Charleston for and during the space of between five and six years or thereshout thereafter; and that deponent was desired of and would still have so continued to live with the said Rufus W. as aforesaid, of which fact deponent varily believes that the said Rufus W. had perfect knowledge, but that, and the said Rufus W. had perfect knowledge, but that, and the said Rufus W. had perfect knowledge, but that, and the said Rufus W. had perfect knowledge, but that, and the said Rufus W. had perfect knowledge, but that, and the said Rufus W. had perfect knowledge, but that, and the said Rufus W. had perfect knowledge, but that, and the said Rufus W. had perfect knowledge, but that, and the said Rufus W. had perfect knowledge, but that, and the said Rufus W. had perfect knowledge, but that, and the said Rufus W. had perfect knowledge, but that, and the said Rufus W. had perfect knowledge, but that, and the said Rufus W. had perfect knowledge, but that, and the said Rufus W. had been dead the said willing and descent the said Rufus W.

And depoment further says that at the time she was importented to intermarry with the said Rofus W., depoment had them recently lost a very dear and almost her only under relative said field; and depoment was permaded and fondity indulged in the hope that by marrying with the said Rafus W., she would thereby secure to herself a kind friend and protector. That said kolms W. fold depoment that there would be no obstocles in the way of their marrisage; said that as depoment's health and constitution were too delants and feells to endure too everity of the Northern Withers, it was distinctly understood that the should live at the South in the Wistons, R. Sain preferred, during the continuance of their mergar. That the two daughters of the said Rofus W. Britwoold had ten thousand dollars each settled upon them, and fint be and thirty thousand dollars each settled upon them, and fint be had thirty thousand dollars each settled upon them, and fint be had the said Rafus W., opposing deponents and that the said marriage was celebrated secretly at the City Hotel, and that the said Rafus W., opposing deponents earned to inclinations, would not publish the said marriage, as even permit the proprietor of the hotel to know it; nor would be a submit to the said of the said